

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3869–S3958

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2290–2302, S.J. Res. 31–32, and S. Res. 333. **Pages S3919–20**

Measures Passed:

American Revolution Commemoration Act Anniversary: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1108, to establish within the National Park Service the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemorative Program, and the bill was then passed.

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Commending UConn Basketball Teams: Senate agreed to S. Res. 333, commending the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for winning the 2004 Division I Men's and Women's NCAA Basketball Championships.

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Pregnancy and Trauma Care Access Protection Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2207, to improve women's access to health care services, and the access of all individuals to emergency and trauma care services, by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of such services.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 66), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn.

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Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the

United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3894–95**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 2881, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify provisions relating to overtime pay.

Frist Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment:

Frist Amendment No. 3011 (to the instructions of the Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance), in the nature of a substitute.

Frist Amendment No. 3012 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 3011) of the Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance), relative to the effective date following enactment of the Act.

Frist Amendment No. 3013 (to Amendment No. 3012), relative to the effective date following enactment of the Act.

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 67), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the Frist Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

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Senate may resume consideration of the bill on Thursday, April 8, 2004.

Pension Funding Equity Act of Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2004; that there be four hours for debate, followed by a vote on adoption of the conference report.

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Appointments: (Received on Monday, April 5, 2004)

Commission on Systemic Interoperability: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant

to Public Law 108–173, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on Systemic Interoperability: Fredrick W. Slunecka of South Dakota. **Pages S3729–30 (April 5, 2004 Record)**

Measures Read First Time: **Page S3918**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—67) **Pages S3894, S3894–95**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 8:08 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 8, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3952.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Guard and Reserve, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, ARNG, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Roger C. Schultz, ARNG, Director, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Daniel James III, ANG, Director, Air National Guard; Lieutenant General James R. Helmly, USAR, Chief, Army Reserve; Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, USNR, Chief, Naval Reserve; Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, USMCR, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; and Lieutenant General James E. Sherrard III, USAFR, Chief, Air Force Reserve.

APPROPRIATIONS: IRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), focusing on tax law enforcement and information technology challenges, after receiving testimony from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, and Pamela J. Gardiner,

Acting Inspector General for Tax Administration, both of the Department of the Treasury.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARMY/NAVY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for Army and Navy military construction programs, after receiving testimony from Geoffrey G. Prosch, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment); Major General Larry J. Lust, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Department of the Army; Major General Walter F. Pudlowski, Jr., Special Assistant to the Director, Army National Guard; Brigadier General Gary M. Profit, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve; Hansford T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment); Rear Admiral Michael Loose, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; and Brigadier General Willie Williams, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), U.S. Marine Corps.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for certain Department of Agriculture programs, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, J.B. Penn, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Joseph Jen, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Gilbert G. Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development, all of the Department of Agriculture.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded open and closed hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on defense intelligence programs and lessons learned in recent military operations, after receiving testimony from Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Lieutenant General Keith B. Alexander, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–2, Department of the Army; Rear Admiral Richard B. Porterfield, USN, Director of Naval Intelligence, Headquarters, U.S. Navy; Major General Ronald F. Sams, USAF, Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Department of the Air Force; Michael H. Decker, Acting Director for Intelligence, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and Brigadier General Donald C.